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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 10062 ACTION LONDON
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QUOTE S E C R E T SECTO 10062

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR DAVID OWEN FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER SOONEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DAVID
OWEN FROM THE SECRETARY:

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR DAVID:

SINCE YOUR DEPARTURE, CONCERN HAS CONTINUED TO BUILD
HERE ABOUT THE OGADEN QUESTION. IN MY VIEW IT IS INCREASINGLY
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IMPORTANT THAT SOME INITIATIVE BE TAKEN TO BRING AN
END TO THE FIGHTING. I BELIEVE THAT THE UN ULTIMATELY IS
LIKELY TO OFFER THE MOST EFFECTIVE ROUTE FOR ATTEMPTING
THIS. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE MUST FIRST TOUCH ALL THE
OAU BASES.

I HAVE REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE

MEETING. THE CONSENSUS SEEMS TO STOP SOMEWHAT SHORT OF WHAT I BELIEVE IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. I RECOGNIZE THAT FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO DO ANYTHING IS THE PRINCIPAL RESTRAINING FACTOR. WHILE WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF THEIR VIEWS, I DO NOT THINK THEIR RELUCTANCE SHOULD DETER US IF WE BELIEVE MORE MEANINGFUL ACTION IS REQUIRED.

IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY WITH FAHMY, I LEARNED THAT HE IS QUITE CONCERNED TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING BEFORE THE TIDE TURNS AGAINST THE SOMALIS. HE TOLD ME THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD ALSO EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR INTEREST IN A UN EFFORT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE TO THIS NOTION ON THE PART OF THE SAUDIS WHO CONTINUE TO PRESS US FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE SOMALIS.

I ASSUME YOU WILL HAVE SEEN BY NOW THE MESSAGES WE HAVE SENT TO OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON CONCERNING THE QUADRIpartite APPROACH. YOU WILL NOTE THAT I SUGGEST THE DESIRABILITY OF EXPLORING THE IDEA OF THE YUGOSLAVS TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE AT THE UN. IN ANY EVENT, I THINK THE CONSULTATION PROCESS DISCUSSED IN LONDON AS FURTHER DEFINED IN YOUR MESSAGE AND IN OUR TELEGRAMS TP LONDON, SHOULD GO FORWARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

I DO THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO RAISE THIS
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MATTER IN MOSCOW. WHILE I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF THE OAU AND MUST AVOID INVOLVING OUR ALLIES BEYOND THEIR WISHES, I BELIEVE THAT YOU AND I SHARE A SIMILAR OUTLOOK AND SENSE OF URGENCY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER OR IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW. MEANWHILE, I HAVE ASKED OUR PEOPLE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE FCO.
SINCERELY,

CYRUS R. VANCE

END TEXT.

VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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